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SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well, the property tax, the gas tax.

SENATOR DICKINSON: There is no property tax used to build roads in Douglas County, Senator.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I am not talking about building roads. You are talking about...

SENATOR DICKINSON: Maintaining roads. There is no property tax goes to run a snow plow, to buy a snow plow, to hire a snow plow driver.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: It does not.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Pardon.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: No property tax goes to...

SENATOR DICKINSON: This comes, Douglas County levies .35 one hundredths of a mill for a bridge fund in this. I don't know where they build the bridges. They have built a lot of them on 72nd Street. They are going to build another so-called tunnel on 84th Street. This is being done with county funds in which the area is completely surrounded by the city of Omaha. So..and this is by compromise between the city council and the county board and so they have worked out their problems very well. But there is no city taxes...no county taxes which city people pay to go to build or to maintain or plow snow on county roads.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Or to support the County Surveyor's office?

SENATOR DICKINSON: I am not sure. I wish you had asked me the prior...a few years ago, no. Even the support for the office personnel came out of their road funds. I know that the County Surveyor, Wm. Green, who is now a County Commissioner at one time was trying to justify, and in his mind it was justified, that the county do support the personnel of the office from General Fund monies. I don't know whether that ever happened or not.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: At any rate, the gas tax, all the gas tax comes back to the city of Omaha for residents of the city of Omaha or collections of the city of Omaha?

SENATOR DICKINSON: As fairly as this body was able to legislate a formula some five or six years ago when they re-evaluated it. I think the city and the county, at that time, agreed on the way the money was divided. Individually, between persons like you and I, there will always be debate when I live in the country and you live in the city as to how much money should go each place.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: That's right because you get more of your gas tax salary back than I do. Right? (inaudible)

SENATOR DICKINSON: Wrong. Totally wrong.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: OK. At any rate, how is snow removed now in sanitary improvement districts?

SENATOR DICKINSON: It is removed, mostly, and I think there